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In re Application of: Schüle et al.

Confirmation No: 1722

Serial No.: 09/576,778

Group Art Unit: 1652

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Examiner: M. Rao

For: Family 9 Endo-Beta-1,4-Glucanases

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2001 that made restriction requirement between three groups.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse the invention of Group I (claims 1-5 and 22-24 drawn to endoglucanases). Applicants hereby reserve the right to file continuing applications directed to the nonelected subject matter.

The basis for traverse is that there would not be a serious burden on the examiner if Groups I and III were examined together.

Moreover, Applicants submit that claim 1 links inventions of Groups I and III. Therefore, upon allowance of the linking claim, the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions should be withdrawn and all claims within the linked inventions should be examined in the instant application.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this response or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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